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1. TO OUR RELIEF PEACESAT CONSORTIUM MEETING JUNE 17
TEMPORARILY RESOLVED PROBLEM REGARDING USP LICENSES.
VOTE WAS TAKEN ON RESOLUTION PROPOSED BY WELLINGTON
THAT THREE USP TERMINALS (HONIARA, TARAWA AND APIA)
BE REINSTATED ON CONDITION THAT USP PROVIDES FORMAL
STATEMENT TO CONSORTIUM SECRETARY REGARDING LICENSING
OF USP TERMINALS. MOTION PASSED WITH NO OBJECTIONS,
ALTHOUGH HAWAII (BYSTROM), PAGO PAGO AND USP ABSTAINED.

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2. SPC REP FRANK MAHONY WAS ACTING CHAIRMAN OF THE
CONSORTIUM MEETING IN THE ABSENCE DUE TO ILLNESS OF
MARTIN KIMBLE (WELLINGTON). BYSTROM, AS SECRETARY,
HAD PLACED THE LICENSING ITEM LOW ON THE AGENDA UNDER
NEW BUSINESS, DESPITE A REQUEST SEVERAL DAYS EARLIER
BY THE UNIVERSITY TO HAVE IT TREATED AS THE FIRST
ITEM OF BUSINESS. ON THE INSTITUTIONAL ROLL CALL

USP AGAIN ASKED THAT THE LICENSING DISCUSSION BE BROUGHT FORWARD. USP ARGUMENT WAS THAT UNLESS ALL OF ITS TERMINALS COULD PARTICIPATE IN PEACESAT, NONE OF THEM WOULD, AND IT WAS ESSENTIAL THAT CONSORTIUM DECIDE ON STATUS OF USP SYSTEM BEFORE ANY FURTHER BUSINESS AROSE. LICENSING WAS THEN BROUGHT FORWARD FOR DISCUSSION, AND TOPIC OCCUPIED MOST OF SCHEDULED TWO HOUR SESSION.

3. MAIN THRUST OF BYSTROM ARGUEMENT WAS THAT ALL STATIONS HAD TO ABIDE BY GENERAL RULES AND PROCEDURES, INCLUDING OBTAINING LICENSES FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES, SO THAT EXPERIMENTS WOULD NOT BE JEOPARDIZED AND THE SYSTEM "POLLUTED" BY ONE OR MORE SUBSTANDARD STATIONS. HE SAID THAT SHOWING LICENSES WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH BOTH PEACESAT AND NASA REQUIREMENTS.

4. USP QUESTIONED BYSTROM'S AUTHORITY TO SUSPEND THREE STATIONS, AND SAID THAT PROBLEM WAS LESS ONE OF LICENSING PROCEDURES AND MORE TO DO WITH UNILATERAL DECISION ON BYSTROM'S PART TO EXCLUDE PART OF THE USP NETWORK FROM PEACESAT PARTICIPATION. USP SAID IT WAS WILLING TO MAKE FORMAL STATEMENT TO CONSORTIUM MEMBERS TO VERIFY IT HAD LICENSES FOR ALL TERMINALS TO OPERATE, BUT FOR VARIOUS REASONS IT COULD NOT SUBMIT PHOTOCOPIES OF LICENSES TO BYSTROM. LEFT UNSAID, BUT A TELLING POINT AT USP'S DISPOSAL, WAS THAT THROUGH UNCLASSIFIED

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USP NETWORK ARRANGEMENTS WITH NASA THE UNIVERSITY HAD ALREADY MET ALL OF NASA'S REQUIREMENTS IN RESPECT TO ITS OPERATION OF ALL USP TERMINALS, INCLUDING THE THREE AT QUESTION.

5. TONY HANLEY IN WELLINGTON AND BRIAN FARRELL AT UC SANTA CRUZ (WHICH BECAME FORMAL MEMBER OF CONSORTIUM ON JUNE 17) WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN PROPOSING COMPROMISE SOLUTION, BASED ON USP'S WILLINGNESS TO MAKE A FORMAL STATEMENT ON LICENSING OF ITS TERMINALS.

6. USP, DESPITE REINSTATEMENT OF ITS TERMINALS, IS STILL INCENSED AT BYSTROM HIGHHANDEDNESS, AND FULLY EXPECTS BYSTROM TO MAKE OTHER PROVOCATIVE MOVES. USP BELIEVES BYSTROM IS WELL AWARE THAT SEVERAL TERMINALS IN USP SYSTEM ARE NOT COVERED BY STANDARD GOVERNMENT LICENSES IN THE U.S. SENSE, BUT UNDER WORKING AGREEMENTS WHEREBY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS REVIEW THE SATELLITE EXPERIEMENTS ON A REGULAR BASIS AND DECIDED WHAT IS OR IS NOT ACCEPTABLE FOR THE TERMINALS TO PARTICIPATE IN. THE ARRANGEMENTS HAVE PROVEN WORKABLE SO FAR, EVEN THOUGH ALL OF THE

TERMINALS DO NOT HAVE THE KIND OF FREEDOM TO OPERATE
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